

Missouri Travel Barometer January 2014 Report (Data available as of 2/13/14)

The Missouri Division of Tourism research team analyzes a range of tourism research metrics in order to provide the Missouri travel industry with a monthly *Missouri Travel Barometer*. The main goal of this report is to answer the question, "How is tourism doing statewide?" The barometer shows key travel indicators that - at a glance - illustrate various measurements that affect Missouri's tourism industry and are indicators of its health. The *Missouri Travel Barometer* is updated on a monthly basis. Our industry is notified via *The Monitor* (the MDT industry eNewsletter) as each new report becomes available -- go to www.VisitMO.com/industry to subscribe.

January Report Highlights

Lodging Statistics: 2013 Calendar Year End Reporting

According to Smith Travel Research, Missouri's statewide lodging demand, occupancy and revenue have showed positive growth for the 2013 calendar year when compared to January – December 2012. When looking at Missouri's surrounding, competitive states, Missouri performed well in revenue for 2013, while other states are showing higher growth in 2013 occupancy and demand.

Missouri Lodging:

- Demand up 1.2%
- Occupancy up 1.7%
- ADR up 3.7%
- RevPAR up 5.4%

SIC Tourism business sales and tax collections: 2013 Calendar Year to Date through November

• There is a 3.3% increase (\$328.2 million) in **sales revenue** indicated by the most recent Department of Revenue's preliminary report for the calendar year in tourism's 17 SICs (January-November, 2013 over 2012), while the 3.3% growth in **tax collections** represents an \$13.9 million increase over 2012.

Website Visits: Calendar Year 2014

Total web visits (main site and mobile visits combined) were up 28.4% in January compared to 2013.

Responses to MDT advertising (requests for travel guide via phone, website, email, etc. or sign up for a newsletter that is emailed based on travel interests): 2014 Calendar Year to Date through January

• 5,815 for January -- a decrease of 2.7%

Welcome Center visits: 2014 Calendar Year through January

• On direct comparison for CY 2014 the centers are down 6.6% for the month of January compared to January 2013. With Conway added for 2014 only, centers are up 10.5% (comparable 2013 Conway counts N/A).

Major Airport deplanements: 2013 Calendar Year End Reporting

• Missouri major airports: down .7% thru December CYTD (2013)

Sources: MO Dept of Revenue, Google Analytics, MDT databases, Federal Bureau of Transportation, Smith Travel Research (STR, INC). Republication or other re-use of this data without the express written permission of STR is strictly prohibited.







